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MAYOR

Harold Pettigrew
Director
D.C. Department of Small and Local Business Development
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RE: Certified Business Enterprise Program

Dear Director Pettigrew:

As you know, my plan to grow and diversify the District of Columbia's economy and create jobs includes efforts to support and expand our local businesses. One strategy to achieve these goals is to provide contracting preference for local businesses applying for contracts with the District government through the well-established Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) program. To ensure that the CBE program is best structured to most effectively achieve these goals, I hereby direct the Department of Small and Local Business Development to conduct a thorough review of the current CBE program and recommend any legal, regulatory, or other programmatic changes. I would appreciate receiving this report not later than September 7, 2012.

Thank you for your commitment to the District's small business community.

Regards,


Vincent C. Gray

CC: Christopher Murphy
Janene Jackson